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Petersburg, Va., January 7.

James Dunn Mason, for the past ten years the teller and assistant cashier of the Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company, and a valued official of the bank, died last night shortly before 11 o'clock at his residence, on Union Street, of heart trouble. His very critical condition for some days had in part prepared his family and friends for the end, and his death was therefore not unexpected. Mr. Mason was one of the most esteemed men in the city. His uniform courtesy, his gentlemanly character, won for him a host of warm friends in the community, and his death is generally and sincerely regretted. Mr. Mason was born, reared and educated in Petersburg. He was the son of the late Joseph Mason, who represented the United States for many years as consul at Dresden. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Died in Norfolk.

Charles W. Wright, a former well-known citizen of Petersburg, died at an early hour this morning at the home of his son, E. H. Wright, in Norfolk. The body will be brought to the city for burial. Mr. Wright was in his seventy-sixth year, was a Confederate veteran, and had many relatives and friends here.

To Erect New Synagogue.

The orthodox Hebrew congregation of this city some time ago purchased property on North Market Street, on which site it is intended to erect a synagogue at a cost of about \$10,000. The congregation has been gradually saving up funds for the purpose, and will begin building as soon as a sufficient sum is raised. The wish is not to go in debt. Meanwhile the congregation is holding worship in the dwelling house standing on the site.

Elect Officers.

The Philathea Bible class of Ettrick Methodist Episcopal Church, at a meeting last night elected the following officers: Teacher, R. A. King; President, Miss Lelia Rowman; Vice-presidents, Miss Anderson and Miss Sallie Ray; Secretary, Miss Gracie Pond; Treasurer, Miss Emma Vaughan; press reporter, Miss Addie Newsome. The class is large and increasing in membership.

To Erect Bridge.

It is understood that the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company, after consultation with the Board of Supervisors, has decided to erect an overhead bridge at the Grossman Crossing, in Chesterfield County, which has been the scene of numerous fatal accidents. The work is expected to be begun at an early day.

Personal and Otherwise.

Councilman F. G. Stratton, who was taken quite sick yesterday, was moved to the hospital this morning. Mr. Stratton is a member of the board of directors of the State Penitentiary, and has many friends in Richmond.

Sidney M. Green, Jr., of the firm of Arrington & Green, who has been confined to his home by sickness for several weeks, is slowly convalescing. Mr. Green is past commander of A. P. Hill Camp, Confederate veterans.

Thomas H. Howerton, member of the House of Delegates for Sussex and Greenville Counties, is expected to be a candidate for the office of assistant United States district attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. J. Gordon Bohannon, of this city, has been strongly endorsed for the office of district attorney.

The Norfolk and Western Railway Company yesterday service on the City Point branch of the road for the accommodation of the workmen now employed on the DuPont Powder Company, near the Point.

Petersburg Aerie of Eagles, after installing officers to-night, partook of a banquet at the City Hotel. To-morrow night Petersburg Council.

How to Shed a Rough, Blotchy, or Faded Skin

(From Beauty's Mirror)

This is what you should do to shed a bad complexion: Spread evenly over the face, covering every inch of skin, a thin layer of ordinary mercurized wax. Let this stay on overnight, washing it off next morning. Repeat daily until your complexion is as clear, soft and beautiful as a young girl's. This result is inevitable, no matter how soiled or withered the complexion. The wax literally absorbs the filthy surface skin, exposing the lovely young skin beneath. The process is entirely harmless, so little of the old skin coming off at a time. Mercurized wax is obtainable at any drug store; one ounce usually suffices. It's a veritable wonder-worker for rough, chapped, reddened, blotchy, pimpled, freckled or sallow skin. Pure powdered sassafras is excellent for a wrinkled skin. An ounce of it dissolved in a half-pint of water makes a refreshing wash-lotion. This renders the skin quite firm and smooth; indeed, the very first application causes the finer lines; the deeper ones soon follow. —Advertisement.

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Best Virginia Country Ground Cornmeal, 5 peck, 15c; 25c

Finest Creamery Process Butter, 1-lb. cans, 30c

This Butter is absolutely the finest obtainable; regular price 35c.

Fresh Country Eggs, 30c

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Maryland Chief, No. 1 can Tomatoes, 10c

Washington Brand Sugar Corn, can, 7c

Extra Fine Mixed Tea, 60c quality, lb., 40c

Hundley's Blend Coffee, worth 35c; per lb., 29c

New 30-40 Prunes, 12c

Washington Extra Sifted Peas, can, 12c

Finest Full Cream Cheese, lb., 22c

Cut Leaf Sugar, per pound, 8c

DelMonte Peaches, regular price 35c; can, 23c

Katarrh, the great catarrh remedy, bottle, 85c

We deliver your purchase regardless of the amount.

Knights of Columbus will give a New Year entertainment, on Thursday night, at the Petersburg Lodge of Odd-Fellows.

The body of John H. Quackenbush, the aged Union veteran, who died in this city Saturday night, has been shipped to the former home of the deceased in Troy, N. Y., for burial.

Robert Hall, clerk of the store of Frank Wagner, in Halifax Street, has been laid up for several days because of exhaustion caused by serious hemorrhage from the nose.

Miss Mary Franchak, of Prince George, and Anton Michalek, of Chesterfield, a young Bohemian couple, were married this morning at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

TITANIC HEIRS MISSING.

Two-Continent Search Fails to Find J. M. Smart's Children.

New York, January 7.—A search of nearly nine months has failed to find any trace of the young son and daughter of John Montgomery Smart, who was one of the victims of the Titanic disaster. His will was filed in the Surrogate's Court yesterday by Clarence E. Gregory, who told of making a fruitless search for relatives of the boy.

Smart was president of the American Cold Storage and Shipping Company and a member of the Produce Exchange. His home in this city was at the Hotel Victoria. It was known that he had a son and a daughter at school in Europe, but not even E. B. Seward, here they were. Advertisements in numerous European newspapers failed to bring even a clue.

The daughter is now about nineteen years old and the son is in his twenty-first year. That is all that is known about them here. Advertisements in newspapers in Chicago, San Francisco and other American cities also failed to elicit any information about the missing children.

There is a possibility that they do not know yet that their parent was one of the unfortunate passengers of the lost Titanic. Strangely enough, the will of Smart does not leave any of his estate to his children. He provides for the payment of his debts and then leaves two-thirds of his estate to Annie Frances Brown and one-third to Jeremiah Toomey, the latter being appointed as executor. Both of the beneficiaries live in Melbourne, Australia.

Gregory to apply for letters testamentary on the estate of Mr. Smart.

Seward, who is a member of the firm of Curtis, Mallet-Provest & Co., made an affidavit in which he said that Smart had long been a client of his firm and that they went to England last year in February, 1912. Returning they engaged passage on the Titanic. Seward told of the sinking of the steamship and said that his company was not among those rescued.

If Smart had been rescued, the lawyer said, he was sure he would have been reported. Smart had told Seward that he was a widower and had two children. He had a wide acquaintance in Europe, Australia and this country, but letters to his friends have brought no light on the whereabouts of his children or any of his relatives.

TAX PROBE CONCLUDED.

Investigation Results in Increase of \$222,335 in Assessable Values.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Charlottesville, Va., January 7.—The special grand jury, which for several weeks has been investigating the matter of erroneous tax returns in Albemarle County, has completed its work and submitted its report to the Circuit Court. The probe resulted in a total increase of \$222,335 in assessable values. The jury stated that it felt satisfied that the assessments on both lands and personalty are not more than one-fourth to one-half of their actual value, yet when compared with the rest of the State are fully.

The jury concluded its report by expressing the earnest hope that the next legislature will take on the matter of tax reform and give the subject its earnest consideration.

POWER COMPANY IS GIVEN GRANT

Probable Beginning of Electrification of All Transcontinental Railroads.

Washington, January 7.—What Secretary Fisher believes to be the beginning of the electrification of all transcontinental railroads was marked to-day by a grant to the Great Falls (Mont.) Power Company, to transmit over public domain under strict government regulations, power for the electrification of 450 miles of main tracks of the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound Railroad between Harlowtown, Montana, and Avery, Idaho.

The fact that the Great Falls Company was "willing to accept the full-cost provisions for the protection of public interests, even where all it was asking about for a transmission line of 450 miles of main track, was the public benefit point of view, as Secretary Fisher to-day, than the further grant electrification of railroads which must follow.

"It demonstrates," he continued, "not only that the provisions for protection of the public interests upon which the Department of the Interior insists don't prohibit water power development, but that the greatest development which has yet taken place in the practical application of electricity can be and is being taken under these very provisions. The power company and the department found that they could co-operate cordially and effectively in fixing the terms of a grant so as to recognize effectively both public and private interests and rights."

The grant, which is for fifty years, was worked out under the act of March 4, 1911, relating to electrical transmission, telephone and telegraph lines. Secretary Fisher said it should be a "precedent which will have far-reaching effect."

The working out of a satisfactory grant under an act which, he said, might be improved, "demonstrated that private and public interests can be reconciled and co-ordinated with fairness and justice both."

The grant is subject to readjustment every ten years, provides for regulation of rates and service, the sale of power to the United States, the State and cities at as low a rate as is given other buyers, and prohibits the transfer of the permit without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

LIZARD ALIVE IN HIS THROAT.

Coughed It Up and Now Getting Well After Two Years.

Lafayette, N. J., January 7.—Evan Jones, who is beginning to recover from a cough that has made his life miserable for the past two years, says the cause was nothing less than a lizard three inches long.

Jones declared that he brought up the reptile while out driving the other day. He had a paroxysm of coughing on the road. At the end of it he choked, he said, and reached down his throat for relief. He seized the lizard and drew it to the light of day.

The lizard seemed to be as happy as Jones to dissolve partnership, and was wriggling away as fast as it could, when Jones decided he would capture it and show it to his doctor, Edgar Allen. The doctor dropped the wriggler in alcohol.

Jones got the doctor's theory, which was that Jones must have been drinking at a well or spring and taken the lizard's egg into his stomach. The grateful warmth hatched the lizard.

The agony of coughing that Jones endured is ascribed to the frantic efforts of the lizard to liberate itself.

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William C. Chandler, representing his brothers and sisters, has sold the old Chandler homestead in Spotsylvania County to Charles E. Bosley, of Caroline County, for \$5,000. The tract contains 275 acres.

Dr. Charles W. Kent, of the University of Virginia, will lecture in Russell Hall at the State Normal School on Saturday night at 8 o'clock on the subject, "Literature and Travel."

MORTIMER, CRATE, RESIGNS.

Rev. C. F. Brookings Said to Have Caused Unfracking of Rector.

Philadelphia, January 7.—The Rev. C. F. Brookings, senior curate of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and the man who had much to do with the unfrocking of Alfred Garnett Mortimer, former rector of the church, yesterday tendered his resignation. Mr. Brookings resigned after having been with the church for the last twelve years. Mr. Brookings, beyond acknowledging that it was true that he had resigned, refused to comment further or give any reason for his resignation. He did say, however, that it was customary for a curate to resign when the rector who appointed him left the church.

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"The reservist should receive \$2 a month while in reserve," said General Wood, "and when called upon in war should receive an amount equivalent to \$2 for each month he may have served in the reserve. This would give the reservist something to leave with his family had he would encourage men to go into the reserve and to remain in it. The necessity for providing a reserve of officers to serve as company officers of reserves or volunteers is also one of great importance and should receive serious attention. I am of the opinion that it would be practicable to select from the graduating class of those military schools where we have army officers as military instructors 100 each year, who could be commissioned as second lieutenants in the regular army for one year, and to be discharged at the end of the period with a certificate of proficiency, if they merit it."

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NO APPROPRIATION FOR DEMONSTRATION WORK

Action Taken by Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors—Other Fredericksburg News.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Fredericksburg, Va., January 7.—The Board of Supervisors of Spotsylvania County, after taking the vote of thirty of the citizens of Spotsylvania County who were present, on the question of making an appropriation for farm demonstration work for the year 1912, decided not to make such an appropriation. The vote was thirty members standing, against the appropriation, 20, and 10 for.

The question of longevity of certain families has been discussed in this community and has brought out the fact that the record of the Moncure family whose representatives are not living, not only in Virginia, but far South and West, is not cut short by any in this section. They pass that record to the late Judge R. C. L. Moncure, for years president of the Supreme Court of Virginia, and are Judge J. C. Moncure, Shreveport, La., eighty-six years; Mrs. A. M. Moncure, Chicago, Ill., eighty-three; R. C. L. Moncure, Stafford, eighty-eight; Mrs. W. P. Moncure, Fairfax, seventy-one; Mrs. A. R. Chichester, Stafford, sixty-eight; Mrs. Thomas Wallace, Stafford, sixty-six; W. E. Moncure, Fredericksburg, sixty-three; Mrs. C. C. Moncure, Richmond, sixty-two. The C. C. Moncure family, nine is average age and one-half years, the average age of the first four is eighty-two years, and the first five is seventy-nine and one-half. Judge Moncure was the father of fourteen children. Two died in infancy and twelve lived to manhood and womanhood.

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Secretary MacVane is expected soon to submit the entire plan to President Taft for approval. The existing 145 customs districts in the United States, under the new scheme will be reduced to about fifty-five. The general plan contemplates one customs district for each State in the Union, with the exception of New York, Texas and California, which, because of their immense business, will have two or three districts. At the present time, for instance, Maine has eleven districts, while in the future it will have only one.

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TILTS AT MONTCLAIR PARENTS.

Pastor Assails Them for Letting Children Enter the Social Hall.

Montclair, N. J., January 7.—Many of the fathers and mothers of Montclair are smarting under the mildly spoken but pointed castigation administered to them Sunday evening from the pulpit of the First Baptist Church by the Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick, brother of ex-Commissioner of Accounts Fosdick, of New York.

"Thirty years ago," the preacher said, "men came to Montclair from the city, searching for a place where they could bring up their children naturally. Are they doing that now?"

He scolded the elders of the always stirring social life here for the exacting social life attempted by Montclair's very youngest set, and offered the town's sins in this respect as the reason why many of the more careful and prudent parents sent their children to private schools out of Montclair.

"Balls are given here," he said, "for boys and girls of ten and twelve years. Boys, twelve years old, send out flowers to girls and call for little girls in carriages to escort them to balls and receptions."

This sermon stirred the memories of a report made two years ago by Superintendent of Schools Spaulding, when he explained the many half-day absences from school. Mothers insisted on dancing lessons and the attendance of various social functions and let the three R's wait.

HETTY GREEN JOINS CHURCH.

Confirmed by Bishop Lines in Her Nephew's Church.

New York, January 7.—Mrs. Hetty Green was confirmed yesterday in the rectory of the Holy Cross Protestant Episcopal Church, Claremont and Arlington Avenues, Jersey City. Her nephew, the Rev. Augustus Elmendorf, is the rector. When Mr. Elmendorf was asked regarding the matter, he said: "Too much publicity had been given the matter. Then he smiled."

The church held a public confirmation yesterday at which Bishop Edwin Lines officiated. A large crowd attended. It had been reported that Mrs. Green was a member of the class, but when she failed to appear there was much speculation as to whether the report were true.

Earlier in the day many persons were confirmed by the bishop. It is believed that Mrs. Green was among the number. She was baptized in the same church last July.

PARCEL POST POPULAR.

Mail Business in Buckingham Section is Increasing.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Buckingham, Va., January 7.—The patrons of the post-office here are taking readily to the use of the parcels post arrangement, and if the business along the line continues to increase as the star route and the R. F. D. carriers will have to provide better facilities than they now have for the transportation of the mails. In some parts of Buckingham the mail routes are so arranged as to make delivering of mail very prompt, but in others the arrangements are very unsatisfactory.

For instance, it usually takes four days to send a letter from this place to Camp post-office and get a reply, and the distance is only eight miles. An inspector employed by the government spent more than a week in this county recently. He visited all the post-offices, and measured the distances from one office to another. The mail from this place to Dillwyn is carried by that veteran mail carrier Zack Griffin, who has been regularly in the business for about twenty years, having carried the mail from here to Farmville, a distance of twenty-five miles, going one day and returning the next. There was no Chesapeake and Ohio Railway in those days, and no express office nearer than Farmville, and the mail carriers used to have a minimum charge of 25 cents for transporting packages, and would not even bring a slate pencil for less than 25 cents. The letter postage was then 3 cents.

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